

**CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA
BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Beautification Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 in the Second Floor Conference Room, 2345 Providence Blvd.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Chairman Willey

2. ROLL CALL:

Chairman	Barbara Willey	Present
Vice Chairman	Gretchen Venn	Excused
Board member	Al Manassa	Excused
Board member	Michael Richards	Absent
Board member	Jason Bridgewater	Present
Board member	Valerie Knopfel	Present
Board member	Harold Wooten	Present

Also present were: Glen Whitcomb, Public Works Director and Sondra Fernandez, Administrative Assistant, Public Works.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Board member Bridgewater motioned to adopt the minutes of July 27, 2010 and was seconded by Board member Knopfel. All were in favor, none were opposed.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Yard of the Quarter: Board member Wooten has one nomination and Board member Bridgewater still has his nomination from April, 2010. Chairman Willey will try and present them at the next quarterly report to the city commission in October.

B. Beautifying City entrance signs: Board member Knopfel presented her ideas for what the area around the sign on Saxon Blvd should look. She will also send a copy of the pictures to Sondra Fernandez so the plants can be bought. Chairman Willey asked if the same thing can be done at Howland Blvd sign. Board member Bridgewater stated that it is configured differently.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

Board member Knopfel asked about foreclosed homes. She researched how other governments handle the empty homes populating their area. She found that some governments have an ordinance requiring banks or companies that foreclose on homes to register each home as they foreclose. They must pay a fee, \$125 in some cases, to the government agency to pay for upkeep of the home and property.

Board member Wooten stated that the area that he lives in has become an area with a lot of empty homes. Mr. Whitcomb stated that code enforcement has contracted with a company to go out and mow the empty property's and then try and bill who ever owns the property.

Board member Wooten stated that some of the people in his neighborhood have started to go out and mow a few of the empty properties when they mow theirs.

Mr. Whitcomb asked if the board would like him to ask Dale Baker from Code Enforcement to attend the next meeting.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Larry Dematos asked if someone had his sign that he brought to the City. Mr. Whitcomb answered that he has the sign. Mr. Dematos stated that he is afraid someone is going to change the sign and take his idea from him. Mr. Whitcomb stated that it in our sign shop and they are trying to match the birds on sign. Mr. Dematos also stated that he likes the ideas that were presented to beautify the entrance signs. Mr. Dematos asked if he can nominate a home for Yard of the Quarter.

Mr. Dematos was given a Yard of the Quarter nomination form.

7. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Board member Wooten apologized for missing last month.

Board member Knopfel asked is Mr. Whitcomb received a copy of the letter that she would like to send to the owner of the fence in front of the entrance sign.

Chairman Willey asked if we can put trees around some of the retention ponds around the city.

Board member Knopfel asked if some trees could be put along the edge of her housing area to muffle the sounds from I-4.

Chairman Willey asked if someone can contact FDOT about maintaining the entrance/exits of I-4.

Chairman Willey asked if the board wanted to go back to Lowes. All board members answered in the affirmative. She will go talk to Lowes and figure out when something can be done. Board member Bridgewater suggested waiting until the holiday decorations start appearing in the store.

Board member Bridgewater stated that one of the companies he works with sells a product at Lowes and he would see if they could attend the event at Lowes.-

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Board member Wooten motioned to adjourn. Board member Bridgewater seconded the motion. As there was no further business the Board adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2010.

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Barbara Willey, Chairman

Sondra Fernandez, Administrative Assistant